This documentary focused on the hardships of immigration. The film was mainly about Mexican and Central American children attempting to cross the border onto United States soil. The documentary shows first hand what it is like for children crossing the border and really makes the audience think. The film focused on the hardships and challenges that these children face while trying to cross onto U.S. land. The director of the film focuses on particular children such as Freddy and Olga, who are nine-year-old children, trying to reach the U.S. in order to be reunited with their parents. By doing this, the director gives the audience a real insight on what is life is like for these immigrants. The film shows the struggles that these children must go through, just in hopes of reaching U.S. soil to live a better life. The documentary did a very good job on showing what challenges these immigrant children have to face. Some have been separated from their families, some have been sent by their parents to live a better life in the U.S. In the documentary one of the mothers of the immigrant children states, “I think that my family there (U.S.) has opportunities to give my kids which I cannot give them, I don’t want to take that opportunity away from them,” (Which way Home). This demonstrates how the true struggles that these Mexican families face back home. A mother is willing to “sacrifice” not seeing her kids again, in hopes that they can live a better life in the United
States. All in all, this entire documentary did a fantastic job of showing people the “other side” and really hit me hard and made me think.

There is an article that we read in class, that I want to quote, that relates to this documentary. “Understanding how we come to view others-outside and within the state-as enemies does not mean that the scorn, enmity, and hatred of today are eternal or intractable, but could imply hopefulness,” (Helen Fein 16). A lot of United States citizens view Mexican immigrants as “enemies” or “outsiders” who take away U.S. citizen’s jobs and etc. In my opinion I believe that this quote relates to the documentary because it talks about understanding how we view others from outside the state. The documentary gave us a first hand view of viewing “others outside the state.” I think if you relate this quote to the documentary you can say that just because people are not from where you’re from or different that you, you must learn to understand where they’re coming from and adjust. Just like the quote says, “understanding how we come to view others-outside,”[…],” as enemies does not mean, “[...],” but could imply **hopefulness**.” For these Mexican immigrants, the United States is that “hopefulness,” hope for a better life, hope for a new home, hope for a better tomorrow. In conclusion, this documentary did an excellent job in showing first hand what it is like for immigrants crossing the border and did a great job in displaying the hardships that these children had to face, just in hopes of living a better life.